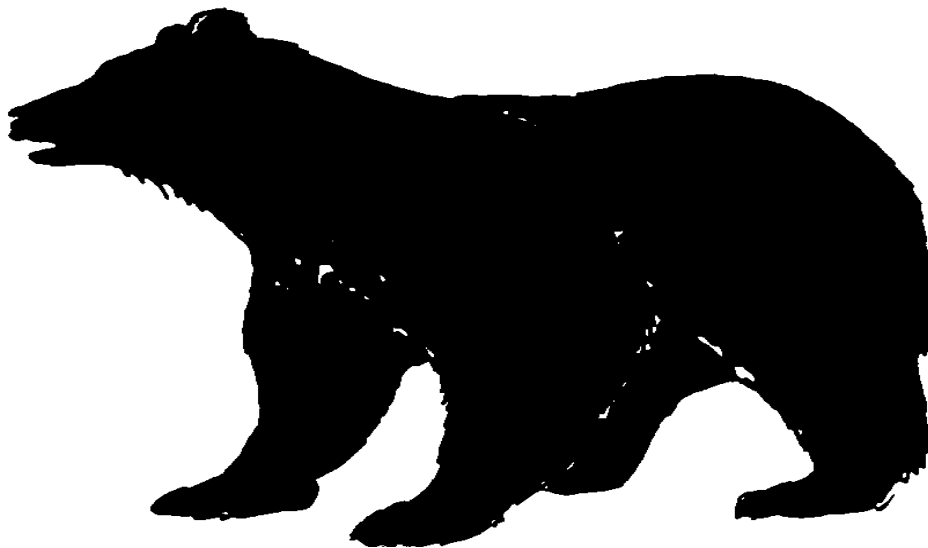


BEAR ALERT



A bear was seen in the Cherry Hill Campground on July 5, 2012.

Bears can become dangerous if they become accustomed to human foods and lose their fear of people. Bears that lose their fear of people often have to be destroyed! Please pay attention and follow these regulations:

1. **STORE ALL FOOD** All food and equipment used to cook or store food should be kept sealed in odor-proof containers in a vehicle or in a camping unit that is constructed of solid, non-pliable material, or suspended at least 10 feet above the ground and 4 feet horizontally from a post, tree trunk, or other object. If you leave food in the passenger area of a car, make sure the windows are rolled up completely. If windows are left partially open, bears can get their toes into the opening and pull on the window until it breaks.
2. **REMOVE ALL GARBAGE** and place it in the bear proof trash cans.
3. **REMOVE ALL ITEMS** that might smell like food to a bear from sleeping areas in tents or campers. This includes food, toothpaste, mouthwash, deodorants, air fresheners, and any other items that might smell like food to a bear. These items should be stored as food (see number 1).



District Ranger, Andrew Pickens Ranger District, Sumter National Forest, July 2012